



Newsletter

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Year 7s are embracing life at BTRCC!



Our new Year 7s are embracing life at Blessed Trinity, signing up to a number of extra-curricular clubs and already selecting their favourite subjects!

Samuel, who attended Briercliffe Primary School, is certainly busy!

"I go to Science Club, Homework Club, Badminton and Gym Club, Warhammer Club and Drumming!

"My favourite subject is Science, especially Chemistry and I want to be a firefighter."

Oliver S, who attended St James' Lanehead, said: "I like my freedom here! My favourite subject is Science, especially Chemistry.

"I attend Science Club and also Textiles and Art. They are fun. I want to be a firefighter when I am older."

Bella, who went to St John's Cliviger, said: "I go to Science Club and Gym Club and my favourite subject is also Science, I like Biology. I want to be a Marine Biologist.

I want to see the world and care for animals. I have made a lot of new friends at Blessed Trinity."

Aadya, who attended Rosewood Primary School, said: "I like Science as well. I like Chemistry best and I want to be a doctor. My dad is a radiologist and I want to follow in his footsteps and help people. I like the teachers here, they are very good."

Isabelle, who went to Brunshaw Primary School, said: "I go to Science and Gym Club as my extra-curricular clubs. I like the teachers at Blessed Trinity and I have made a lot of friends."

Melissa, who went to St Mary's Primary School, has her future mapped out. "I want to be a hair and beauty stylist like my mum! I like Science as well, especially Biology."

Ameila said: "I like Design Technology as I like making things. For extra-curricular activities, I do Music and Textiles."

Hammad added: "I like PE and my favourite subject is Computing. I also play the piano."

Merit awards and attendance



Our Merit Points are an important part of school life, rewarding pupils whose behaviour is exemplary.

We presented five pupils with their Bronze Merit certificates.

Year 7s Hammad and Catherine; Year 8s Blossom and Oliver and Year 9 Andrew all received their acknowledgement of their top behaviour and attitude to learning this term.

Well done to all!

Pictured is also a selection of our pupils who achieved 100 per cent attendance during this half-term. Congratulations and please keep up the good work.



Pupils have their work published



A number of Blessed Trinity pupils are excited to see their work published in a book called 'Grim Tales.'

This is a Young Writers creative story writing competition where pupils had to write a 100-word horror story.

26 pupils received the news they will see their short stories published in a book.

Year 8 Christopher said: "It's one of my dreams to have my writing published so this is very exciting. My story was about a prisoner and a swinging pendulum!" Autumn said: "Mine was about an ordinary guy who wears a mask and it's about mental health."

Sami said: "My sister got some work published years ago so I wanted to be in a book too!"

Dawud shines in global essay writing competition



Head Boy Dawud was short-listed in the prestigious John Locke Institute 'Global Essay Prize.'

This is an international essay contest aimed at encouraging students to engage in critical thinking and explore big ideas across subjects such as philosophy, politics, law, economics, history, psychology, and theology.

Dawud chose theology and answered the question 'Why Pray?' in less than 2000 words. Dawud said: "This year there were 63,328 people who signed up for it and roughly only 18% got shortlisted, including me!

"Being shortlisted in this competition means that my essay was selected as one of the strongest entries from thousands of submissions worldwide.

"Shortlisted essays are recognised as demonstrating originality, depth of thought, and clarity of argument, even if they do not ultimately win a prize. It's a significant academic achievement because the competition is highly competitive and judged by leading academics.

"It took me around three weeks to write it and I enjoyed researching it and putting it together.

"I got to go to an invitation-only academic conference in London and it was an amazing experience, speaking to people from all over the world."



Bella praised for fundraising

We want to highlight the superb work carried out by our Year 9 pupil Bella.

Bella is a member of East Lancashire Down Syndrome Support Group and she fundraises for them.

Bella's younger sister Maggie, aged six, was born with Down Syndrome and both are members of the East Lancashire Down Syndrome Support Group.

Bella has already done a lot of fundraising at her former school St Augustine's, wearing odd socks on World Down Syndrome Day, giving talks and also teaching Makaton, a simple sign language.

"We do a lot of fundraising especially coming up to Christmas to help families who are struggling," said Bella.



Year 11s look to the future

A number of our Year 11 pupils attended a 'Your Future' event at Turf Moor.

George said: "It was interesting, I want to do something in technology and AI so I had a look at a few companies who did this." Dawud said: "It was interesting. I had a look at colleges and sixth forms and talked to someone at BRGS and I will now have a look around there for my A-Levels."

Howzat! Thank you to TV star Presley for cricket gear



Our PE department was bowled over when they received new cricket kit courtesy of former pupil Presley Pennington. Presley is currently starring in Freddie Flintoff's third series of 'Field of Dreams' and he nominated Blessed Trinity to receive equipment on his behalf. The school have received around £2000 worth of cricket bats, pads, helmets and more from Hunts County Bats. Presley said: "Freddie gave me an opportunity and I want to give it to others. Thanks to Hunts County Bats for giving £2000 worth of equipment to Blessed Trinity and hopefully putting cricket back on the curriculum here." PE teacher and Head of Year 7 and Transition Mr Kelly said: "It's wonderful to see one of our ex-pupils, Presley, receive so much positive feedback regarding how he conducted himself on the TV show 'Field of Dreams'.

"I was proud to be Presley's Head of Year and his PE teacher during his time at Blessed Trinity. He was always a popular, bubbly, well-liked character. "The fact that he remembers how much this school helped him, and the fact he wants to give something back in recognition for that, is amazing. "The show has clearly had a profound impact on him and he wants our current and future pupils to benefit from his experience on the show. "I think that says a lot about who he is as a person. "As well as thanking Presley, I would also like to thank Freddie Flintoff and also Steve from Hunts County Bats for supplying us with this incredible cricket equipment which will be used throughout all year groups. It will make a big difference to our PE department."



Our Mission Leaders are working hard to help with faith life around the school. They are currently taking part in fundraising for SafeNet in Burnley. Oliver said: "Our job is to try and help with the Catholic ethos around school." Aronas said: "We help around the school with prayers and masses and also fundraise and collect items."

Open Evening



Recipes from around the world



Young Enterprise pupils are offering a tasty treat with their initiative in this school year.

The group are making a cook book called: "Flavours without Flights." Simra said: "We all like food and we are hoping we can use our different backgrounds to make a book full of different recipes.

"In our group, there are pupils from Pakistan, Poland and from the Philippines so we are going to bring a number of tastes from different backgrounds together in one book."

They are currently designing the book and selecting the recipes, hoping to have it ready by December.

To follow their progress go to: www.solo.to/fwf.



Eco Club help BTRCC go green

Our Eco Leaders are aiming to help Blessed Trinity 'go green.'

They have already turned paper which was destined to be thrown away into paper bouquets!

Year 11 Gabriel said: "We want to encourage more recycling around the school and also want to plant more greenery."

One of their jobs will be to renovate the Peace Garden, planting more bulbs.

Pupils quiz Burnley MP



Our School Council met up with Burnley MP Oliver Ryan for lunch.

The School Council asked him a variety of testing questions about his life as an MP.

Year 10 Imogen said: "He was really down-to-earth. We chatted about his views on political stuff although he did try to keep it neutral. We asked a lot of questions about his life as an MP and how he copes with the public."

Year 8 Autumn said: "He tried to relate to us and was very easy to talk to."

Year 10 Kudzai said: "He came across as a good person and was motivating." We want to thank Mr Ryan for taking time out of his busy schedule to spend time with our pupils.



 **Oliver Ryan MP**
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Great to chat with so many amazing and bright young people at Blessed Trinity in Burnley last week. I've got to say - their questions were tougher than Question Time!



'We want to make school an even better place'



Our Anti-Bullying Ambassadors are available to chat to at break and lunch times.

The Year 10s have undergone training and wear lanyards to identify themselves in case anyone needs to talk. Imogen said: "I want to help people and I know any instances of bullying are not nice. Being an Anti-Bullying Ambassador means I can stop it and have the power to stop it."

Kudzai said: "It's a chance to make the school an even better place."



We will be holding our Remembrance Afternoon in school on November 10th. It's an afternoon of tea and nostalgia where our pupils will entertain with wartime songs and dances. Our Year 11 pupil Matilda, who is an RAF Cadet, will be selling poppies around the school.



Overall Positions
 Y7 Girls – 3rd
 Y8/9 Girls – 1st
 Y10/11 Girls – 3rd

 Y7 Boys – 2nd
 Y8/9 Boys – 1st
 Y10/11 Boys – 1st

A large number of our pupils took to the fields at Towneley Park to compete in the Burnley Schools Cross-Country Championships.

We had a number of podium finishes including Jessica who won the Year 10/11 Girls race. Jessica runs for Burnley AC and Clayton-Le-Moors Harriers. Samantha Hill finished third in that event. Harrison raced home in first place in the Year 10/11 Boys. Alex in Year 8 was impressive in his Year 8/9 race while Grace and Oscar both finished third in their Year 7 events.



Six pupils took part in the annual Burnley Panathlon Ten Pin Bowling event. The event is delivered by Burnley Schools Sport Partnership and Panathlon. Panathlon are a charity who provide the opportunity for inclusive sports events to take place. The Burnley event sees 15 primary schools and eight secondary schools taking part. After plenty of strikes and spares, scores were added up and Blessed Trinity took home the silver medal. Well done!



Year 7 Samuel travels all over the UK competing in the British BMX Championships. Samuel has been competing for four years after finding a love of BMX's at the track at Barrowford. He joined Pendle Panthers and has since joined Preston Pirates, who he now competes for. "I took part in the regionals which got me into the British Championships in the Under 12 category for the past two years. I enjoy it."

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